

**To:** Engels, Alan[engels.alan@epa.gov]  
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**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 5:21:36 PM  
**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for Fee Waiver Task for Request EPA-R8-2015-009779

You have been assigned to the FOIA task - Fee Waiver Task. Additional details for this item are as follows:

- Assigned By: Dan Elliott
- Tracking Number: EPA-R8-2015-009779
- Due Date: 08/11/2015
- Sent Date: 08/11/2015
- Requester: Dan Elliott
- Request Track: Simple
- Short Description: Fee Waiver Task
- Long Description: I am making this request as a reporter with The Associated Press and this request is made as part of newsgathering and not for commercial use. As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. I ask that you waive any and all applicable fees associated with this request. Through this request, I am gathering information on the spill of contaminated water from the Gold King Mine into the Animas River. Release of this information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities, particularly how the EPA plans its investigations of old mines and how it communicates those plans to local officials. If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$100.